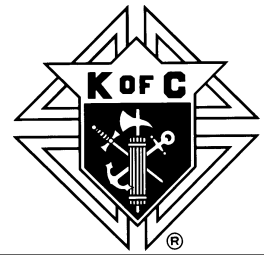


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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On January 8th the Building Corp held their monthly meeting before our K of C meeting.

Knight of the month was Craig Massman for December.

Sunday, January 21st the 9:00am mass was said for the living and deceased members of the Knights. We will be continuing to have a monthly mass said for this intension. A Corn Hole tournament was talked about with a tentative date of April 12th. The event will be held at St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall. Glain Guilmette, Jr. (Our Field Agent) has offered to help with this fundraiser. I met with Glain and we talked about what it takes to run this type of event. Glain has a friend who runs these events, and I will be talking with him about his fee for his services. With this being our first corn hole tournament, I feel we should ask for his assistance and the use of his equipment.

We are still seeking ads for the Shield, both new and renewed. If you have any leads, please pass them on to me. The yearly ad will cost \$60.00.

February's meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, February 5th. Deputy Grand Knight Dave Hopcroft will be running the meeting in my absence. Please join us and try to contact a Knight who may need assistance with transportation to and from the meeting and offer a ride. We need their support and wisdom!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sam P. Lamerato

Grand Knight

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Darren Gray, PGK, DD

No article this month, but we do have to decide if we're going to hold a St. Patrick's Day dinner and when, given Lent.

Bless those who risk their lives to help their community. Police, fire, doctors, nurses, EMTs, store associates, Amazon workers, and anyone else still working to make our daily lives better during this worldwide crisis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 5, 2024
Building Corp Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, February 12, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

Thursday, February 8, 2024
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, February 18, 2024
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(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

Condolences to Meg Lamerato and her family on the loss of her brother.

We are still donating to St. Vincent De Paul so please bring your donations to our meetings or directly to the St. Vincent De Paul Outlet. They need paper products, canned goods, and boxed items.

Happy February Birthdays to Mary Lou Stema (11), Meg Lamerato (12), Cindy Podgorski (16), and Stefanie Olszewski (18)!

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 P.M. The hostesses are Lisa Gray and Krys Higgins.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cindy Podgorski
President

CHAIRMAN NEWS

I don't have any activities planned for this month. I pray that everyone stays safe from the flu and the virus throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Jim Morrison



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Craig Massman

None this month..

February Meeting Elections

At the February Meeting, we will be electing Delegates for the 2024 Michigan Convention. This is a very important election as these delegates are OUR voice at the State Convention. And this is an election year for the State Council.

Vivat Jesus!

PRAYER LIST

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Claya (John Claya's Grandson), Heather Lang, Edda Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Mary Jo Miles, Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony Szeliga, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski.

Please pray for the passing of Meg Lamerato's brother, Michael Ray.

NOTE: I have cleared out the Prayer List for the new year, except for those who have been added at the last meeting. If you wish to have someone added to this list, please send an email to: editor@kofc7239.org

And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please pray for the recently deceased.

NOTE: Just a reminder. Please make sure to write names clearly so that I can add them correctly to the sick and deceased list.



Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you’ve had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I’ll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family’s needs.

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THE ROSARY

An Editor’s Request

COVID, Flu, and RSV season is still very active this time of year. Please consider praying the Rosary for all of those who are sick.

Darren Gray, PGK, FDD

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/04 Bill Peasley
02/06 Fredrick Greaves
02/08 Jeremy Bliss
02/10 Joseph Marchesi
02/10 Craig Massman
02/10 Ed Novak
02/23 William Hughes
02/24 Kevin Gruse
02/25 Scott Wesierski

LADIES AUXILIARY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/11 Mary Lou Stema
02/12 Meg Lamerato
02/16 Cindy Podgorski
02/18 Stefanie Olszewski

If we missed your birthday or the date is wrong, please email me at editor@kofc7239.org . Thanks.

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Happy Birthday Bill Peasley	5 <i>6:30pm Building Corp</i> <i>7pm Member Mtg</i>	6 Happy Birthday Fredrick Greaves	7	8 <i>7pm Ladies Mtg</i> Happy Birthday Jeremy Bliss	9	10 Happy Birthday Joseph Marchesi Craig Massman Ed Novak
11 Happy Birthday Mary Lou Stema	12 <i>7:00pm Planning Mtg</i> Happy Birthday Meg Lamerato	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 Happy Birthday Cindy Podgorski	17
18 Happy Birthday Stefanie Olszewski	19 SHIELD DEADLINE	20	21	22	23 Happy Birthday William Hughes	24 Happy Birthday Kevin Gruse
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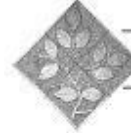


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